

2020 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 591

BY REPRESENTATIVES LARVADAIN, WILFORD CARTER, AND COX

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 40:2018.3(A) and (B)(1), (2), and (9), relative to the composition
3 of the Louisiana Sickle Cell Commission; to provide for appointments for members
4 to the commission; to provide for additional members to serve on the commission;
5 to provide a meeting location for the commission meetings to take place; to provide
6 for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 40:2018.3(A) and (B)(1), (2), and (9) are hereby amended and
9 reenacted to read as follows:

10 §2018.3. Louisiana Sickle Cell Commission

11 A. There shall be established within the Louisiana Department of Health a
12 commission designated the "Louisiana Sickle Cell Commission", composed of
13 ~~eleven~~ seventeen members as provided in Subsection B of this Section.

14 B.(1) ~~Eight~~ Thirteen members shall be appointed by the governor, subject
15 to Senate confirmation, ~~from a list submitted by each of the following organizations~~
16 as follows:

17 (a) ~~A representative~~ One member from a list of nominees submitted by the
18 Sickle Cell Center of Southern Louisiana, Tulane University School of Medicine.

19 (b) ~~A representative~~ One member from a list of nominees submitted by
20 Children's Hospital, New Orleans.

21 (c) ~~A representative~~ One member from a list of nominees submitted by the
22 Louisiana Primary Care Association.

1 (d) ~~A representative~~ One member from a list of nominees submitted by the
2 Sickle Cell Association of South Louisiana ~~The Baton Rouge Sickle Cell Anemia~~
3 ~~Foundation, Inc.~~

4 (e) ~~A representative~~ One member from a list of nominees submitted by the
5 Northeast Louisiana Sickle Cell Anemia Technical Resource Foundation, Inc.

6 (f) ~~A representative~~ One member from a list of nominees submitted by the
7 Sickle Cell Disease Association of America, Inc., Northwest Louisiana Chapter.

8 (g) ~~A representative~~ One member from a list of nominees submitted by the
9 Sickle Cell Anemia Research Foundation, Alexandria.

10 (h) ~~A representative~~ One member from a list of nominees submitted by the
11 Southwest Louisiana Sickle Cell Anemia, Inc.

12 (i) Five members from a list of nominees submitted by the Louisiana
13 Department of Health; two of whom shall be persons diagnosed with sickle cell
14 disease, one of whom shall be a parent of a person diagnosed with sickle cell disease,
15 and two of whom shall be medical professionals who provide treatment and care to
16 patients diagnosed with sickle cell disease.

17 (2) ~~The secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health, or his designee.~~
18 Two of the members shall be as follows:

19 (a) The secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health or his designee.

20 (b) The Medicaid director of the Louisiana Department of Health or his
21 designee.

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23 (9) The commission shall hold at least four regular meetings each year. The
24 commission shall meet at locations that rotate throughout the state, as determined by
25 the chairman, to provide ease of travel for the members of the commission. at the
26 Louisiana Department of Health headquarters in Baton Rouge.

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28 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
29 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
30 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If

1 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
2 effective on the day following such approval.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____